

21 MAY 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Visit to the Metcalf Property and Chain Bridge Area  
on 17 May 1968

1. At 1030 Mr. Brett, Virginia Department of Highways, and I visited the Metcalf property and examined the road location proposed by his engineers across the Metcalf land to the present access road. I advised him that the Metcalfs had indicated that they would not grant an easement under any condition, and Mr. Metcalf suggested use be made of the Trowbridge and Booth properties in developing an access road onto Route 123.

2. We walked down Route 123 toward Chain Bridge, and Mr. Brett pointed out what appears to be the only possible solution. This involves taking from the upper level of the Trowbridge access road paralleling Route 123 for several hundred feet and, thence, at right angles onto Route 123. In this twisting run, there would be a requirement for several platforms providing for the passage of two vehicles. Mr. Brett noted that the rock involved would require considerable blasting and the closing down of Route 123 for extended periods of time; retaining walls must also be constructed. He also pointed out that powerlines might have to be moved as well as telephone lines. Large water and sewerage mains are in the vicinity and at this time he was not sure how these would be affected.

3. Upon being pressed for some sort of estimate of costs for field work, plans and specifications for such a road, he estimated approximately \$1,200 to \$1,500. As far as construction was concerned, he was very reluctant to give me any sort of estimate but did mention a ballpark figure of \$40,000. I personally believe this to be a conservative estimate. There is no way of determining a reasonable cost estimate for the construction unless it is developed as part of an A&E contract. Mr. Brett asked me whether the Trowbridges and Booths would be willing to grant the necessary permanent easements, and I replied that based on earlier conversations with the Trowbridges that a favorable response could be expected.



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